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(X) Utility () Design (X) original patent application,
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TITLE: Spring-Actuated, Retractable-Bladed Surgical Scalpel

Enclosed are:

(X) Specification 17 pages, including 6 pages claims and 1 page Abstract () Nonpublication Request under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i) (form PTO/SB/35 is attached)
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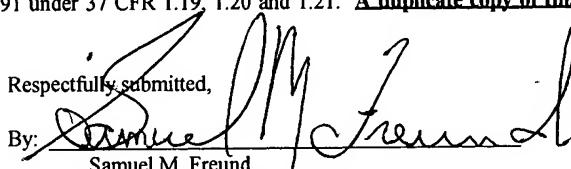
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